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In re Application of:

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MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS
FOR TISSUE REPAIR AND
FORMATION

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ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Restriction Office Action mailed April 5, 2007, which response is being made on or before August 6, 2007, (August 5, 2007 being a Sunday), and for which 3 months extension of time fees are due.

Applicants hereby elect **Group I, namely Claims 1-11**, drawn to methods of obtaining an isolated non-culture expanded mesenchymal stem cell.

With respect to the species requirements, Applicants select:

- a) **An unmodified mesenchymal stem cell; and**
- a) **Antibody interacting with human CD105**

Claims 1 – 6 and 8 are readable on the selected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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